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DAFFODILS and IRISES A For Your Garden

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## **FOREWORD**

It is hard to write a foreword this year. Circumstances have necessitated so many and sometimes so prolonged absences from my garden that I have not been able to study the plants with my customary care or take the notes needful both for criticism and checking of stocks. Our very long dry winter was extremely hard on daffodils and it was feared the effect on the irises might be similar, but these surprised us with a memorable quantity of bloom, especially on well established clumps. The opportunity afforded for a thorough reevaluation of varieties, old and new, was therefore priceless. Even more often than usual one heard the remark among visitors to the smaller gardens,--"What an exquisite effect, and scarcely a new iris here!" This sharpens the point of a "sermon" which we have preached before, but which stands almost unlimited re-emphasis, the variety to choose and to use depends mainly upon one single consideration, the intended purpose. Far too often we find ourselves carried away by a glimpse of an exciting presence on the exhibition stand or by the puffings of a salesman. Lo, the said presence or puffee is in its turn carried away, with disillusionment in the sequel as inescapable once we had forgotten the purpose for which we intended the plant as it was avoidable had the purpose been kept clearly in mind. There are three primary functions which flowers like daffodils and irises serve in their cultivation by the non-commercial grower: the decorative garden or landscape effect of the plant as a whole, the artistry of flowers and foliage when cut for arrangement in home or place of gathering, and the technical impressiveness of specimen stems seen in the sophisticated setting of a flower show. Each of these functions is a perfectly legitimate one, but each is entirely distinct from the others and the requirements for eminence in no two of them are fundamentally the same. It is my own belief that from the ethical and artistic point of view the one first mentioned is of far and away the highest order and is most permanently satisfying, as well as offering the greatest challenge. Next to this comes the second, and only then the third, although it is this last which, wrongfully invading them, much too often obscures and defeats our judgment in the other fields. Hardly any of the very enormous flowers now enjoying so much (no doubt largely artificial) acceleration in popularity are really top notch for much of anything except the show bench. A few are so statuesque in isolated clumps as to deserve the adjective magnificent, but the majority have been selected on no such high ground, and far too often turn out to be ungainly as individual plants or give an overdressed or messed-up effect in a crowd. Again, colors that are exquisite in close detail are frequently dull or commonplace in mass, while even among the best garden sorts it is necessary to use reasonably good judgment as to associations and position or the consequences will be quite different from those so eagerly anticipated. So in making selections from this or any other list let us bear these principles unfailingly in mind, and there will come a warm spot of gratified hope in our heart from which the catalogue will reflect increased temptations in the years to come, and which will bring us back to its pages again and again, seeking out the offerings of most value to

meet our particular design. The listings to follow are very varied and include many little known subjects of exceptional suitability in all three categories.

I am always glad to make up special collections on order, where the customer is undecided how best to choose for himself, giving due attention where possible to color preferences and to whether it is intended to cover a long season or plant for a period of shorter but more abundant bloom. Stocks of some varieties are so limited that any sort of a run quickly exhausts them. You may rely on my filling your order as specified and to the best of my ability as long as a good bulb remains available, but if your order MUST be late it is only fair to me to list a few second choices. PLEASE be good enough to do this. There may be some who will be interested in a concluding word that I still have a small remaining stock of many of my old catalogues. People often ask for these, and I will be glad to mail a series of them to anyone who cares enough to send me ten or fifteen cents in stamps to cover postage.

### **DAFFODILS**

#### TRUMPETS

(Yellow)		Kanchenjunga	
Bonnie Glen	5.00	Kantara	1.00
Brigand	.50	La Vestale	.25
Dawson City	.25	Roxane	.50
Dunrobin	7.50	White Emperor	<b>.7</b> 5
Golden City	2.00		
Hallmark	1.00	(Bicolor)	
Herald	1.00	Althea	2.50
	1.50	Empress 5 for	.50
Itonus		Lovenest	.30
King Arthur	.35	Maunganui	5.00
Lord Antrim	.75	Moira O'Neill	.50
Milana	2.50	Mrs. John Hoog	.35
Volunteer	2.50	Satara	2.00
(White)		Sincerity	1.50
Beersheba	.50		
	CRO	wns	
(Perianths Yellow)		*Dunkeld	5.00
Aladdin's Lamp	3.50	Flava	1.50
Albert Haig	3.50	Fortune	.50
Ballarat	1.50	Gallipoli	.35
Bokhara	.50	Gloriana	.30
Carbineer	1.50	Golden Delight	2.50
Carngham	1.00	Killigrew	.50
Chuploe	5.00	Leprechaun	1.50
Copper Bowl	2.00	*Magherally	7.50
Cornish Fire	2.00	Marengo	2.00
Damson	.30	Marfort	7.50
#WALLOVAL	.00		,

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Merkara		Francisca Drake	
Militant		Frickelstin V. C.	
Red Cross		Glendwen	
Robespierre		James Wyness	
Rouge		Jean Hood	
Scarlet Queen		Jecunda	
Sunbreak	2.50	John Evelyn 3 for	.50
Sunburst	.35	Little John3 for	
Toulo	2.00	Loch Fyne	.35
Trewince	2.50	Margaret Fell	2.00
Walter Hampden	.50	Nillumbik	2.00
W. F. Gates 3 for		Pink Un	.75
Yellow Moon	1.50	Polindra	2.00
Yellow Poppy3 for	.50	Prince Fushimi	
(Perianths White)		Red Abbot	1.50
Artistic	3.00	Rewa	
Bobby Bell	1.50	Roma Wyness	3.50
Caesarine	1.50	Rose Marie	.50
Crusader	.50	Tampa 3 for	.50
Dick Wellband	.50	Tioga	1.50
Festive3 for	1.00	Warlock	.50
		CUPS	
(Dorigntha Vollaus)			1.00
(Perianths Yellow)	.50	Lady Kesteven	1.00
Brightling *Chunghing	15.00	Lady Superior	2.50
*Chungking	.50	Lillian McLean	3.00
Diana Kasner	5.00	Margaret Mann	
Dinkie		Masterpiece5 for	.50
Market Merry	1.50	Pera	5.00
(Perianths White)	1.50	Picador	.60
Aleppo	.25	Pomona	1.00
Arthur Bowman		Red Mecaw	.50
Elizabeth Ryan3 for	.50	Rosebud	1.00
Frau Marg. Hohmann	.25	St. George	.25
Freifrau von Friesen	.25	Seagull	.50
Kilter		Sir Guyon	
Lady Diana Manners	.25	Tahu	3.50
	CITAT	Zanzibar	.75
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(Large-Crowned)	2.00	(Small-Crowned) Hera 5 for	F0
Brunswick	2.00		.50
Daisy Schaeffer	.40	Mrs. Nette O'Meleny 2 for	.25
Her Grace	.50	Queen of the North2 for	.25
Hymettus	.35	Songster 3 for	.50
Marmora	.35	(Flat-Eyed)	
Mary Blewitt	.50	Columbine	1.00
Miss Marton	3.50	Cushendall	5.00
Mrs. R. O. Backhouse	.75	Cushlake	1.00
Silver Pearl	3.50	Fairy Circle	.75
Silver Star3 for	.50	Grey Lady	2.00
*Tibet	10.00	Marco	1.00
White Nile	.25	*Moina	15.00
White Pearl	.50	Mystic	.40
		Polar Sea	1.50

### **JONOUILS AND HYBRIDS**

JONQU	TIPO W	ND HIDRIDS	
Cherie Gracilis Jonquilla minor Lady Hillington 3 for	5.00 .35 .35 .50	Lanarth Queen Anne's Double Trevithian	.50 .35 .40
	POI	ETS	
Ace of Diamonds Dactyl Dulcimer Edwina 5 for Ornatus Maximus 3 for	.75 .30 .50 .50	Pheasant Eye (Old Maine) 6 for Prince of Poets Smyrna	.50 .50 .50
	POE	TAZ	
Glorious Harbour Lights Kingscraft Peerless	.35 1.00 1.00 .75	Princess Yolande Profusion 3 for Starlight	1.00 .50 1.00
	DOUL	BLES	
Twink 3 for	.50		
	VARI	ous	
Broussonetii February Gold 3 for Monspeliensis 6 for Moonshine Mrs. John Bodger Pearly Queen	7.50 .50 .50 .25 1.50	Serotinus Silver Chimes Tazetta, "Sacred Lily," A Tazetta, "Sacred Lily," B Tazetta, cream	1.50 1.50 .35 .20

COLLECTION—3 Bulbs each of 10 selected varieties, a splendid value, for \$5.50 postpaid. This year's surplus of mixed seedling daffodils has again been more than covered by advance sales, but I hope again to offer them next season.

### **IRISES**

### OUR OWN INTRODUCTIONS

(Originated in this garden except as noted)

ACROPOLIS (1929) each	1.00	CANYON MISTS (1926)	.25
ALICE EASTWOOD		CATHEDRAL (1939)	.50
(Branin 1929)	1.00	CAVALCADE (Sturtevant	
ANTHEM (1942)	5.00	1931)	.25
BERNARDINO (1931))	.50	CHIEF JOSEPH (1939)	7.50
BLUE DEEP (1936)	.50	COLONIAL (1932)	.50
BLUE TRIDENT (1944)	5.00	CONFUSA (intro. 1927)	.75
BRIGHT ANGEL (1940)	5.00	COPPERWING (1939)	.50
BROCADE (1933)	1.50	CRUCIBLE (1929)	.25
CACIQUE (1925)	.50	DAYSPRING (1936)	.50
CANDLEBEAM (1945)	7.50	DECEMBER JOY (1938)	1.50

FAIRYLAND (Stevens		MORONGO (1937)	1.00
1936)	1.00	OLYMPIC (1933)	3.50
FLORENCE BARRIQUAND		PENUMBRA (1932)	.25
(Shank 1938)		PEACOCK THRONE (1942)	12.50
FLUSH OF DAWN (1931)		PONTIAC (1946)	15.00
		PRIDE OF REDLANDS	
FLUSH OF GOLD (Shank 1938)	3.00	(1936)	1.00
GOLDEN PHEASANT		PURPLE HILLS (1947)	
(1944)	10.00	PURPLE SCEPTRE (1944)	3.50
HAMADRYAD (1943)	5.00	RED ROCK (1938)	1.50
JACINTO (1924)	.25	ROSE TANAGER (1946)	5.00
JUBILANT (1934)	5.00	ROYAL BANNER(1941)	3.50
KAWEAH (1945)	10.00	RUFFLED ROBIN (1947)	25.00
KINDLY LIGHT (1943)	5.00	SAMOSET (1938)	1.50
LILAC CHARM (1945)	15.00	SEBAGO (1937)	.50
MAJESTY (1936)	1.00	SIR WALTER (Shank 1943)	2.00
MAUNA LOA (1926)	.35	SURF (1939)	1.00
MAZAMA (1932)	.50	TAMALPAIS (1934)	3.00
MOHAVE (1934)	1.00	TEMESCAL (1938)	.50
MOHICAN (1936))	3.00	TOURMALINE (1938)	.35
MONHEGAN (1942)	7.50	VANGUARD (1938)	.35
MONTE ROSA (1946)	12.50	WATTII(See Cont	
MOONGOLD (1935)			15.00
MORELLO (1937)		WISTFUL (1544)	
MORNING SKY (1945)	15.00	WITCH OF SALEM (1938)	15.00

#### **NEW INTRODUCTION FOR 1948**

\*PEARLY NAUTILUS (1948)—A large flower of palest lavender, almost a tinted white, with a pearly sheen and golden brown throat; it is in the same color class as Moonlight Shadows, but the coloring is warmer and more pleasantly disposed, and it is taller; 3 ft. This is an enchanting subject both for the garden and cutting, and will hold its own on the show table. The stock is extremely limited and not more than one rhizome will be sold to a customer for quite some time \$30.00

#### GENERAL LIST

Alice Harding	.50	Lighthouse	.50
Amenti		Michelangelo	.50
Amitola	.50	Missouri	
China Maid	.75	Moonlight Shadows	.50
Elsa Sass		Mount Washington	1.00
Exclusive	.50	Siegfried	.50
Golden Treasure	.50	*Spun Gold	2.50
Jelloway		The Red Douglas	1.00
		Welcome	

### 35c each (stock permitting, 3 of one variety for 75c)

Beowulf Blue Peter	Ethelwyn Dubuar Golden Bow	Jean Cayeux Paros
Burning Bronze Cheerio	Kerman	Sierra Blue
Cheerio		The Black Douglas

### 25c each (stock permitting, 3 of one variety for 60c.)

25c each (stoc	k permittin	ig, 3 of one v	variety for suc.)	
Airy Dream Albicans Alta California Anne-Marie Cayeux Aphrodite Ariel Asphodel Babylon Ballerine Bandollero	Dulcimer Edouard l Egypt El Capita Estrallon Evolution Fairy Gaynelle Indian Ch	Michel n nief	Mrs. Marion Cra Mrs. Valerie West Perladonna Pink Satin Prince Charming Purissima Quaker Lady Rameses Rialgar Rota	
Buechley Giant	King Mid		Sacramento	
Byzantium	Lady Cho	rles Allom	San Gabriel	
Cameleon	Lady Fos	ter	Seguoiah	
Cameliard	Lady Parc	amount	Shasta	
Cnallenger	Largo		Sir Michael	
Claridad	Los Ange	les	Susan Bliss	
Conquistador	Melchior		Thais	
Corrida	Mildred P	resby	Tioga	
Cretan	Moonligh	t -	Violet Crown	
Damozel	Mount Ro	yal	Vishnu	
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Alice Eastwood			e	
Aurea			α	
Blue Zephyr			cα	.25
Fairy Wand			ca Warei	.50
Golden State			Giant	
Graminea				
Monaurea		Spuria hy	brids3 for	1.00
	VARIO	US TYPES		
Bucharica (acclimated	1.50	Iaponica	В	.50
Caesar				
Confusa			rus Gigantea	.50
Douglasiana, blue			rus Manschurica	1.00
Douglasiana, lavender		Pseudaco	rus sdlg. yellow	.75
Douglasiana, white	1.00	Unguicul	aris alba	.50
Ensata	35c to 1.00	Unguicul	aris, December Joy	1.50
Fairyland	1.00	Unguicul	aris violacea	.35
Foetidissima				.75
Fulvα	<b>.7</b> 5	"Wattii"	(See Conf	iusα)
MISCELLANEOUS				
Agapanthus umbellat	us	Brunsvia	ia rosea minor	.50
excelsus	1.50		, Mauve Queen	
Bilbergia nutans			5 for	1.00
Bletilla hyacinthina			Moorei	.50
Brunsvigia rosea, Kev			ariflora	.50
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Freesia, Rose Prince, each	.50	Moraea undulata	1.00
Gladiolus tristis5 for	1.00	Nerine flexuosa alba	2.00
Hedychium coronarium	1.00	Nexine Manselli	3.00
Hedychium flavum	1.50	Nerine, Pink Beauty	3.50
Hedychium Gardnerianum	1.00	Scilla campanulata, Blue Bir	rd,
Hemerocallis, Aureole	.50	per doz.	.75
Hemerocallis, Bagdad	.50	Scilla campanulata, Excelsio	or,
Hemerocallis, Calypso	.50	per doz.	.75
Hemerocallis, Europa	.25	Scilla campanulata, mixed	
Hemerocallis, Flava Major	.25	unnamed, per doz.	.50
Hemerocallis, Golden Bell	.75	Scilla Peruviana, each	.25
Hemerocallis, Gold Standard		Scilla Peruviana, Snowbird	
Hemerocallis, Harvest Moon	.50	(new), each	1.00
Hemerocallis, Hyperion	.75	Scilla Peruviana, Souv. de	
Hemerocallis, Kwanso	.35	Battailles 3 for	1.00
Hemerocallis, Maggie Perry	.75	Sisyrinchium strictum 5 for	1.00
Hemerocallis, Mikado	.50	Sternbergia lutea	.25
Hemerocallis, Pale Moon	.50	Triteleia uniflora, per doz.	.75
Hemerocallis, Rosalind	5.00	Triteleia uniflora violacea,	
Hemerocallis, Sir Michael	3.00	per doz.	.75
Foster	.50	Tulipa chrysantha, accli-	
Hemerocallis, Sovereign	.50	mated	.50
Hemerocallis, Woodlot Gold	.50	Tulipa chrysantha hybrids	
Kniphofia, Rouge et Souffre	1.00	(raised by me; mostly in	
Languas Japonica	1.00	tones of soft brownish	
Leucojum, Gravetye,3 for	1.00	yellow)5 for	1.00
Libertia formosa	1.00	Tulipa Clusiana, small, per	4
Libertia ixioides	1.00	doz.	1.00
Lycoris radiata3 for	.50	Tulipa Fosteriana	1.50
Moraea bicolor	1.00	Tulipa stellata	.50
Moraea iridioides Johnsoni	.50	Tulipa Wilsoniana	1.00
Moraea Macleayii	1.00	Tulip Advance (greigi hy-	
•		brid) 3 for	.50
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Late spring and early summer and again the fall are in general the most favorable times to secure stock for planting, but to view the flowers our spring months are best, February and March for daffodils and April to May for irises.

EASTERN CUSTOMERS WILL FIND OUR ABILITY TO SHIP BOTH IRISES AND DAFFODILS BY EARLY SUMMER AN INESTIMABLE ADVANTAGE, GIVING THE PLANTS AN EXTRA LONG PERIOD OF ROOT-GROWTH BEFORE THE WINTER.